

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims with a status identifier in parenthesis.

Listing of the Claims:

1. – 34. (Cancelled)
35. (Currently Amended) A vegetable peeler for peeling in a peeling direction comprising:
_____two lateral gripping surfaces, interconnected by a peeling blade and by a cross-piece, wherein the two lateral gripping surfaces together with the interconnecting cross-piece form a substantially U-shaped holder, and the vegetable peeler being shorter in the peeling direction ~~(A)~~ than a distance ~~(B)~~ between the lateral gripping surfaces at the peeling blade, and wherein the distance between the lateral gripping surfaces at the peeling blade is larger than an extension of the vegetable peeler in any direction orthogonal to the distance.
36. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the lateral gripping surfaces are constructed in such a manner that they may be clamped between the thumb and at least one finger of a hand.
37. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein each lateral gripping surface includes a bearing for the peeling blade.
38. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-piece extends transversely to peeling direction and is formed as a design or advertising surface.
39. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-piece is vaulted convex in upward direction away from the peeling blade or concave in downward direction towards the peeling blade.
40. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the peeling blade is formed as a pendulum blade rotatably held at the lateral gripping surfaces.

41. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the lateral gripping surfaces and the cross-piece are integrally or multisectionally formed.
42. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein a gripping depression is formed into each lateral gripping surface.
43. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein at least one of the lateral gripping surfaces comprises an abutment for the peeling blade.
44. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the peeling blade is arranged inclined to the peeling direction.
45. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 44, wherein an angle between the longitudinal axis of the peeling blade and an axis orthogonal to the peeling direction is between 3 and 25°.
46. (Cancelled)
47. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 35, wherein the cross-piece extends above the peeling blade when used.
48. (Cancelled)
49. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 41, where the lateral gripping surfaces and the cross-piece are made from at least one of a sheet metal and plastic-material.
50. (Previously Presented) The vegetable peeler according to claim 45, wherein the angle between the longitudinal axis of the peeling blade and the axis orthogonal to the peeling direction is between 10° and 15°.